

Alan's career has reflected his deep commitment to our Nation, and has been characterized by dedicated, selfless service, love for soldiers and their families and a commitment to excellence. I ask Members to join me in offering our heartfelt appreciation for a job well done and best wishes for continued success to a great soldier and friend—Colonel Alan R. Lynn.

---

#### HONORING GHAZAROS KADEMIAN

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2005*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ghazaros Kademian, a resident of Glendale, Californian and a 96-year-old survivor of the Armenian Genocide. The courage of survivors like Mr. Kademian reminds all mankind of the extraordinary strength and determination of the Armenian people who endured the unspeakable atrocities perpetrated against them by the Ottoman Empire between 1915 and 1923.

Ghazaros Kademian was just six years old when his family was forced into exile from their homeland in the village of Zaitoun (modern day Sulaimane, Turkey). His mother saved him and his siblings by fleeing the oncoming slaughter of the Ottoman Turks. His father stayed behind to defend their village and was murdered by the Turk gendarmes. The family only had the clothes on their backs during the long journey away from their home. Mr. Kademian does not remember all the details of his family's tragic journey, except that it was harrowing, and they had no idea where they were going.

They ended their perilous flight in Kirkuk, in what is now northern Iraq. He remembers very vividly that first night in Kirkuk with his mother. They hugged each other for warmth and slept in front of a church for protection. That was the young Ghazaros's last embrace with his mother. In the morning he discovered that she had died from the cold and hunger. Separated from his brother and sister, he was left orphaned and homeless, in a town where he did not speak the language.

After several days he found shelter with a local Muslim man who took him in, washed him, and fed him. Ghazaros was eventually given an ultimatum by the stranger to accept Islam and a new life or to leave. Proud of his heritage as a Christian Armenian, the brave youngster refused. Ghazaros did not give up his faith and was finally released after enduring days of physical abuse. Fortunately, an Arab Christian family rescued the young survivor from the streets and gave him a new loving home. After some time he was able to reconnect with his siblings and other survivors of the Armenian Genocide. Mr. Kademian went on to marry an Armenian girl named Azadouhi from Beirut, Lebanon, had three children Ohannes, Asdghig and Anahid, and seven grandchildren.

The tragic events of 1915–1923 are part of the dark pages of history. However, the horrors of the Armenian Genocide have not diminished by the passage of time. It is our sacred obligation to honor the memory of the

one and a half million men, women, and children systematically murdered during the Armenian Genocide, and the estimated half million more who were forced into exile. The story of Ghazaros Kademian's family is terrible and tragic, but not uncommon. It is our responsibility to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide and collectively demand reaffirmation of this crime against humanity.

I am very proud to honor Ghazaros Kademian of California's 29th Congressional District and I ask all Members of Congress to join me in paying tribute to this inspiring individual and the important lessons his experience illustrates.

---

#### HONORING HYUNDAI MOTOR COMPANY'S FIRST U.S. ASSEMBLY AND MANUFACTURING PLANT IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

### HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2005*

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the completion and grand opening of Hyundai Motor Company's first U.S. automotive assembly and manufacturing plant on May 20th in Montgomery, Alabama.

Hyundai broke ground on its \$1.1 billion Alabama facility in April 2002. When Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama reaches peak production, it will employ approximately 2,000 people and produce 300,000 vehicles per year. Hyundai's in-state suppliers will provide another 4,500 jobs and invest more than \$500 million in the local economy.

This plant is the most advanced automobile manufacturing facility in the world, using state of the art robotics and other technologies. Hyundai is truly creating quality jobs and quality products in Alabama.

I am proud to welcome Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama to our Montgomery area and look forward to the job opportunities it will provide for our motivated workforce from central Alabama to the Wiregrass.

I would like to applaud Hyundai for its commitment to building quality products, and its confidence in the great state of Alabama to continue that tradition.

---

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JON SCRIBNER

### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2005*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of a fine man, longtime Alaskan Jon Scribner. Jon was from Juneau, where he had served as the Regional Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. In this job, Jon managed transportation issues for Southeast Alaska. He loved his job and did it well; he will be badly missed by his many friends and co-workers in Juneau.

Scribner, 63, died May 12, 2005 at elevation 3,100 feet, in an accidental fall while returning from a successful climb of Mount Stroller White near Juneau.

He was born March 1, 1942, in San Francisco, California and was raised in Weed, California. Jon majored in civil engineering and played basketball at the University of California Davis. For part of his senior year, he had been a bench warmer until he entered late into a game when his team was so far behind that the coach figured the game was lost. Jon intercepted passes, stole balls, and single-handedly scored about a dozen points in less than two minutes. Davis won and Scribner started the rest of the season.

After UC Davis, Jon earned a master's degree in engineering from Stanford, which had a distinguished program in environmental engineering.

He married Kathryn (Kit) Duggan of Carmel, California, on June 10, 1967.

After Stanford, Jon served his nation honorably in the Army Medical Service. Captain Scribner taught at the Medical Field Service School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas from 1967 to 1969. He had been selected as faculty based upon his academic record and related credentials.

Jon and Kit moved in 1969 to Alaska, and he worked for the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare in Fairbanks. In 1971, they moved to Juneau, where he served as director of air and water quality for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. He was a senior official in the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, serving as assistant deputy commissioner for design and construction and as director of the department's Southeast Alaska Region. He served at the pleasure of Governors Hammond, Sheffield, Cowper, Hickel, and Knowles. His repeated reappointments attest to his integrity and hard work.

He retired from state service in 1997 after a career publicly recognized for professionalism and accomplishment. When he left the department, then-Juneau Mayor Dennis Egan proclaimed his retirement date, Feb. 7, 1997, as Jonathan Scribner Day in the city. The proclamation included thanks for Scribner getting a Thane Road project out to bid on his last day of work.

In the legislature, the speaker of the House and president of the Senate signed a statement honoring Scribner for his contributions. "All Alaskans, both now and in the future, will continue to benefit from his efforts," it said.

The couple raised their family in Juneau, where they enjoyed boating, hunting, fishing, bird watching, scuba diving, and hiking. They made frequent visits with family to the Mount Shasta area of California. He traveled Southeast Alaska with his 24-foot Bayliner cruiser, Mandy Ann, speeding family and close friends from one end of Southeast Alaska to the other.

He is survived by his wife, Kit; his daughters, Jennifer Laitinen and her husband Todd, and Amanda Mallott and her husband Anthony; his son, Nathan; and his grandson Tyler and granddaughter Addison.

Lu and I send our deepest sympathies to them in their hour of loss. We hope they are comforted by the memory of Jon's very full life, and of his many friends and admirers. I consider myself one of them.